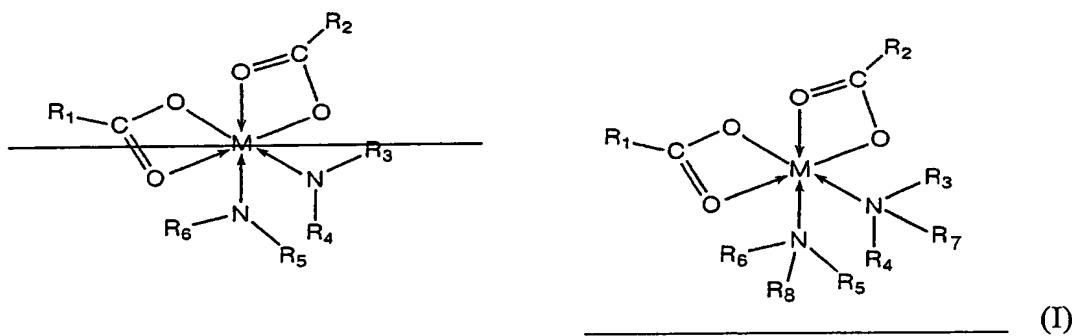


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Amendments to the Specification:

On page 4, please replace the third paragraph after the heading "Summary of the Invention" which bridges pages 5 with the following paragraph.

In accordance with one aspect of the present invention, there is provided a water-scavenging agent for an organic EL device comprising a compound of formula (i) as a primary component:



wherein,

~~R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅ and R₆ are each independently hydrogen; halogen; alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl or hetero ring, optionally substituted with at least one halogen atom;~~

R₁ and R₂ are each independently C₄₋₁₀ alkyl;

~~R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇ and R₈ are each independently hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ hydroxyalkyl or C₃₋₉ alkenyl; or R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇ and R₈ form together with the respective nitrogen atoms attached thereto a condensed aromatic ring containing two nitrogen atoms; and~~
M is a metal having a coordination number of 6 cobalt, manganese or aluminum.

On page 7, please replace third full paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

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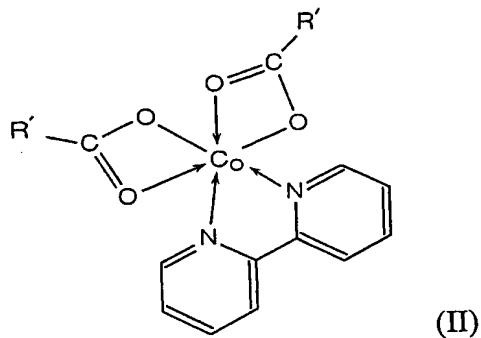
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The organo-metallic compound of formula (I) is used as a water-scavenging agent for the water-scavenging agent layer (7). The organo-metallic compound of formula (I), $M(COOR_1)(COOR_2)NR_3R_4R_7(NR_5R_6R_8)$, has a structure in which the oxygen atoms of the carboxylic groups and the nitrogen atoms of the amino groups of amines are coordinated to metal M having a coordination number of 6.

On page 10, please replace the last paragraph which bridges page 11 with the following amended paragraph.

Co(COOR')₂(BPY), one of the inventive organo-metallic compounds, has the structure of formula (II), wherein M is cobalt and the amine ligand is 2,2'-bipyridyl(BPY):

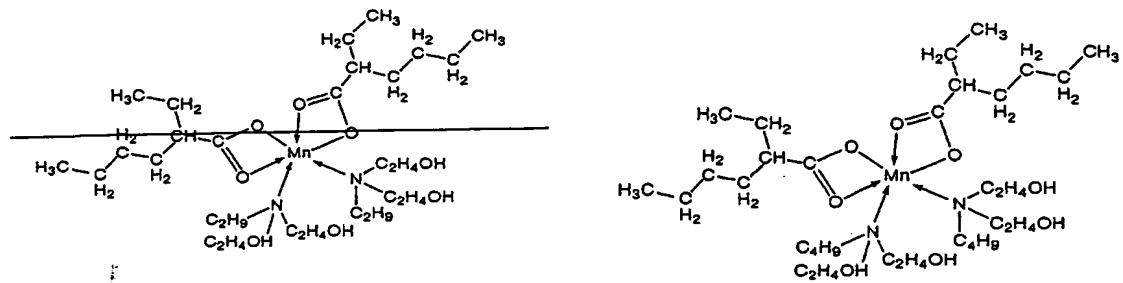


wherein, R' has the same meaning as R_1 to R_6 and R_2 .

On page 21, please replace the last paragraph which bridges page 22 with the following amended paragraph.

The manganese-amine-carboxylic acid composite of formula (XIII) (Compound F), $Mn(COOC_7H_{15})_2(BDEA)$ (BDEA = butyldiethanolamine), was employed as a water-scavenger. The glass plate (2) and the organic luminescent part laminated thereon were the same as those in Example 1.

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Please replace the original abstract with the amended abstract found at the end of this paper attached on a separate sheet.